

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

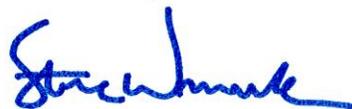
I am requesting funding for the Northwest Arkansas Community College's CDL Training Program in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Northwest Arkansas Community College located at 1 College Drive, Bentonville, AR, 72712.

This investment will meet industry skills gaps training in commercial drivers licensing (CDL) preparation for new and entry-level drivers. Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) started this program with a Regional Workforce Grant that funded simulation equipment and curriculum development for initial CDL licensing training via classroom and hands-on instruction. This project will fund the equipment and initial personnel costs necessary to get the full licensing program off the ground and, within a year, to a self-sustaining model that will train hundreds of critically needed drivers. Further, NWACC workforce offices have identified an additional need for continuing education training, which the program will be able to provide with this equipment and personnel. Arkansas' Third District is a hub for much of the region and nation's commerce, and commercial drivers are an essential component of the industry. NWACC has partnered with the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, local school districts' adult education offices, and other community partners to join in this effort and ensure that trainees will be connected with good jobs in Arkansas.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Steve Womack
Member of Congress